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LR 51, 54
LB 398

Legislative Journal.) 46 ayes, 0 nays, 1 excused and not voting, and 2 present and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The bill is declared passed with emergency clause attached. That concludes Final Reading. We will next go into Item #6, Special Order.

CLERK: Can I read something?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes.

CLERK: Mr. President, new resolution, LR 54 introduced by Senator Cullan. (Read LR 54 which may be found on Pages 1494 and 1495 of the Legislative Journal.) Mr. President, that will properly lay over.

Mr. President, LR 51 is ready for your signature.

SPEAKER MARVEL: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I am about to sign and do sign LR 51. Do you have anything else to read in? We're now ready to take up on Special Order LB 398.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 398 was introduced by the Judiciary Committee and signed by the members thereof. (Read by title LB 398.) The bill was read on January 17 of this year. The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are Committee amendments pending by Senator Nichol's Judiciary Committee, Mr. President.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, first of all if the Chair pleases I'd like to ask Senator Stoney to talk to the body just a moment about the Hays report, which was a study authorized by this Legislature, and Senator Stoney carried the ball most of the time during the interim at which time he met with the people, visited with them, had hearings, and with your permission I'd like to ask Senator Stoney briefly to tell us about that, not necessarily going into the figures involved but why they did it and how they did it.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I'll provide some historical information on the reason that we have LB 398 before us today. For those members of the Legislature that have formerly or are presently serving on the Judiciary Committee, you know the experience that we've had annually with judicial salary increases. For informational purposes, members that have